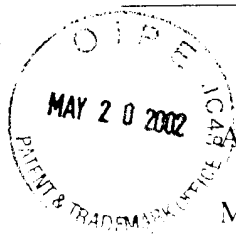


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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled INTEGRATION OF HIGH K GATE DIELECTRIC; the specification of which was filed on **February 11, 2002** as Application Serial No. **10/074,722**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application No.: 60/268,337
60/279,256
60/332,696

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March 27, 2001
November 13, 2001

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of first inventor: **Christophe F. Pomarede**

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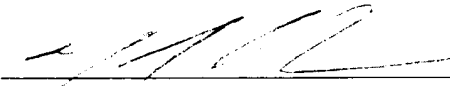
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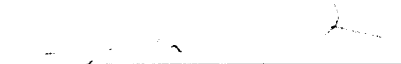
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Full name of third inventor: **Eric J. Shero**

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Date 5/6/02

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Full name of fourth inventor: **Michael A. Todd**

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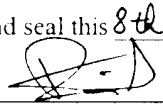
WHEREAS, We, Christophe F. Pomarede, a French citizen, residing at 3328 E. Glenhaven Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85048, Michael E. Givens, a U.S. citizen, residing at 3527 E. Sahuaro Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85028, Eric J. Shero, a U.S. citizen, residing at 3820 N. 30th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016, and Michael A. Todd, a U.S. citizen, residing at 7041 N. 14th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85020, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a INTEGRATION OF HIGH K GATE DIELECTRIC for which we have filed U.S. provisional applications No. (1) 60/268,337, filed February 12, 2001, (2) 60/279,256, filed March 27, 2001, and (3) 60/332,696, filed November 13, 2001 and an application for Letters Patent in the United States, 10/074,722, February 11, 2002;

AND WHEREAS, ASM AMERICA, INC. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Delaware Corporation, with its principal place of business at 3440 E. University Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85034-7200, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in return for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

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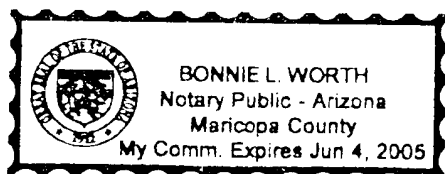

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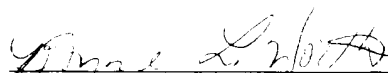
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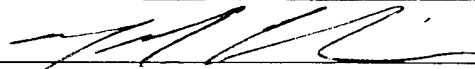
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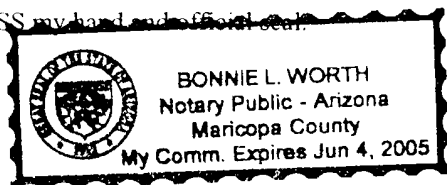

Michael E. Givens


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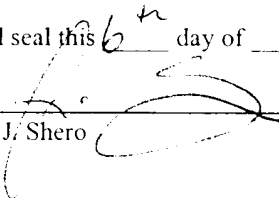
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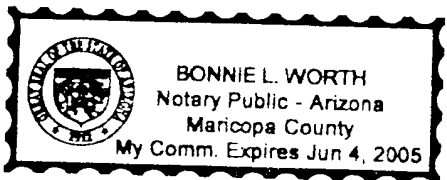

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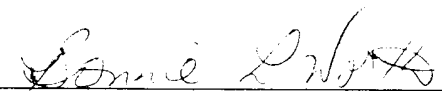
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of May, 2002.

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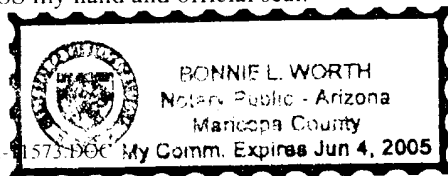
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